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# The Sewing Notion

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Advancing sewing as an art and life skill.



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Not receiving your Notions Magazine or Chapter Newsletter?  
Not receiving e-mails from Headquarters regarding on-line workshops or chapter monthly meeting notices?

You can go online to ASG.org and on the home page under Members Only you can change/list your current address and e-mail address. Need HELP ? Give me a telephone call, Nancy Helquist 405-745-3178 or e-mail [nmh67g@cox.net](mailto:nmh67g@cox.net)

and I will check to see what we have on record for you.

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# REMAINING PROGRAMS FOR 2014

Nov 10 - Colors - by Martha Sheriff

Dec. 8 - Annual Christmas Dinner

## 2015 \*\*\*\* NEW PLACE \*\*\*\* NEW DAY

### Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building



3400 NW 36th Street

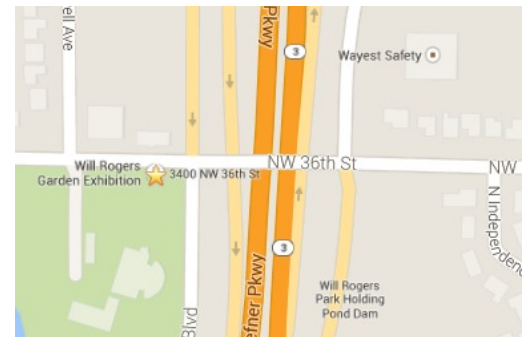
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

**Second Thursday of each month!**

Driving instructions. There is not an access off of I-44 to NW 36th.

Traveling North on I-44, the driver may exit off NW 23rd, turn North on Portland, and East onto NW 36th Street.

Traveling South, the driver may exit to NW 39th West, and turn South on Portland (WRG sign at corner of Portland and NW 36th), then East onto NW 36th..



### Meeting Location

2nd Monday of each month

6:30 pm

St. John's United Methodist Church  
1755 N Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City

Go into the main door on the North side and go down the hallway until you get to the gymnasium on the right.

**Safety for Everyone!**

With the safety of our members being top of mind, we decided to begin locking the St. John's door at 6:45. Since our meeting starts at 6:30, that should allow time for most everyone to get to the meeting before we close the door. However, if you are running late, there will be a cell number posted on the door. We all try to make sure no one is left in the parking lot when we leave. Truly there is safety in numbers, so we need to be mindful of our surroundings at all times.



Check out the free classes and webinars! Click on the picture for more information.



## A Note From Your President

What a fun summer we have had! One highlight for me was going to the National Conference in Saint Louis. The inspiration and creativity was endless. My plan is to present some of my favorite techniques and patterns at our January 2015 meeting. Pat, Kerry, Marilyn and Annette will also be sharing their favorite things as well. Nancy Zieman gave a speech at our Friday luncheon on her new book 'Seams Unlikely'. A truly inspirational story of her life. I have a copy and if you would like to borrow it, you are more than welcome. I will have it available at chapter meetings. At the Saturday luncheon Louise Cutting was inducted into the Sewing Hall of Fame. Her patterns and her one seam pant have long been a favorite of ASG members.

Another highlight was taking a tour the following Monday to a couple of fabric stores and a tour of Tacony (Baby Lock) Co. offices. There were signs welcoming American Sewing Guild members everywhere. We toured all of their offices, accounting, customer service, marketing, distributing, printing, and testing facilities. One building had most of their machines set up for dealer classes. Mr. Tacony spoke about the history of how his father started in the business and how it has grown. The third generation is now involved in all of their different businesses. Mr. Jeffery, Baby Lock Vice President, spoke about old and new innovations that are associated with the Baby Lock name. The employees that make them become a reality and their quality control program. We were all given a wonderful gift bag filled with lots of goodies!

The second highlight was having Marsha McClintock come to Oklahoma City and do a trunk show and Circle Jacket class. She is such a delightful person and her pattern line has always been a favorite of mine. The choices of fabric that were chosen varied from polyesters, rayon, faux fur, cottons. Everyone received individual instructions and help and hopefully came home with a very cute and versatile jacket. A fun filled learning and sewing day!

The third and final highlight was seeing everyone working together to complete our community service project of Christmas Stockings for UR Special. During our September chapter meeting we had people sewing, cutting, pressing and staging Christmas Stockings. By the time the evening ended, we were ready to take the stockings to our annual demonstration booth at the State Fair of Oklahoma to finish the last sewing step. All of the partially sewn and cut out stockings were completed by the end of the day. We are proud to say we finished 400 stockings! Thank You to all of the dedicated ASG members! Jane



## **Great Sewing Information**

**From Kerry McNutt**

If you are a garment sewer, or want to be a garment sewer you should check out the Pattern Review Website [www.patternreview.com](http://www.patternreview.com). It is free to join. Membership allows you to have access to reviews, the sewing message board and share experiences. In my opinion, it probably is the best unbiased source to check out patterns, sewing machines, books, classes, fabric stores and many other sewing related items because all the reviews come from people who sew, not advertisements or magazine reviews by professional seamstresses. They also have a paid membership to allow access to more information and discounts to patterns and classes. The free membership mentions access to over 131,000 reviews from over 360,000 members. Membership is worldwide, and they even have a conference and meetings where members get together. While it focuses on garment sewing and pattern drafting, designing, you will also see review of sewing machines, notions, patterns, fabric stores, retailers, etc. It is a wealth of information and you can look through the different topics for hours. They even have a classified section where you can buy and sell sewing related items. I find it especially useful to determine if I really want to buy a pattern or not. People post pictures of themselves or others wearing the actual garments and read the feedback, comments about patterns to help you decide before you buy. You will find mentions of a lot of independent pattern designers or patterns from all over the world that you've never heard of. You can quickly see that many people have various skill levels, but for the most part, comments are complimentary and it's helpful to see the pattern made up on a real person instead of a skinny model or an artist drawing. If alterations are done to patterns, people will comment about how the patterns fit and what adjustment they made or would make in the future. If you post a question, you will get dozens of responses to help you. They also have various contests for prizes. They also offer lessons for a host of different techniques or projects some free, some for a charge. I'm amazed at the following this site garners. While I was on their site earlier in the week, 51,000 people were also on it with me. Check it out sometime when you have time, because you can get hooked!

Kerry McNutt

Do you have a friend who sews or would like to learn how to sew? Invite them to the next meeting and maybe they'll want to join us. The more members we have, the more we can spread our love for the art and craft of sewing. Share the love!!



## What we've been up to lately...



**2014 Retreat Fun**

*Prairie Quilt*  
Where Sewing is Fun!

Visit us online at [quiltnow.com](http://quiltnow.com)

101 S. Main St., Hennessey, OK 73742  
405-853-6801 | Mon-Fri 9-5 and Sat 9-4

## Oklahoma's Largest Quilt Shop!

50,000 yards of  
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Dealer in the USA!

Below is the Proxy BALLOT for the CAB for 2014  
Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Inc.

Annual Elections of Chapter Advisory Board Positions

- ☐ President — Jane Brown  
Write In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Vice President — Sandy Brenneis  
Write In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2nd Vice President — Pat Fritze  
Write In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Secretary — Linda Linn  
Write In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Treasurer — Dorothy Niles  
Write In Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominating Committee Chair is the proxy holder until the time of the election. All valid proxy ballots will be voted as submitted by the member. If you will not be at the meeting in November, you can mail your ballot to  
Brenda Fonzi,  
ASG Nominating Chairman,  
812 SW 113th Street,  
OKC, OK 73170.

If you plan on attending the meeting November 11, you may vote in person.  
All proxy ballots must be returned to the Nominating Chair by November 9th.  
The monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at St. John's Methodist Church, 1755 N. Meridian, OKC, OK 73107.

Your proxy ballot is not valid without your signature to assign your votes to the Nominating Committee Chair, If it is not signed, your name vote will not be counted.

Member Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

ASG Member Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Annette Myers for the Nominating Chair.  
6904 E. 15th Street,  
Edmond, OK 73013



## Community Service Project Update

The Hope Crisis Center is our charity of choice in Oklahoma City and need is always great. Continue to make blankets for them and Jana Burgess will make sure they are delivered to the site. Although their focus is on helping mothers with newborns, many of the single mothers also have other children so blankets for all ages are needed.

The blankets are designed to be 45" square and from any fabric as long as it is washable. Single thickness hemmed for warmer weather, but if you have some fleece or heavier flannels for the cooler weather, that is fine too. They were not asking for quilts but for blankets. Bring any finished blankets to the next meeting and Jana will make sure they get to the Center. Make sure to keep track of your hours as we send this information to HQ.

### More retreat photos...



Please remember to bring items for St. John's ministry through their food pantry. Non-perishable items are needed to fill the pantry. Please remember your donations! Drop them off in the large boxes in the hallway on your way into the meeting.



# Neighborhood Groups

Neighborhood Groups are small, personal, and fun. This is a wonderful place to meet new friends who enjoy what you like most – sewing. All ASG members are encouraged to attend a group and may participate in as many as you wish. Find the one that fits you best. If there is not a group in your neighborhood, start one! Bring a guest. Nonmembers wishing to learn more about ASG may visit two group meetings before being asked to join our Chapter. Contacts are below.

## The Happy Sewers

The Happy Sewers meet on the 4th Friday of each month from 10:00 am to about Noon. Members rotate hosting the meeting, showing a special project and providing snacks. We are a social group and enjoy sharing and discussing our sewing projects. Once a year we take a road trip to a fabric shop in some nearby town and enjoy having a lunch adventure close by. Visitors and new members are welcome - just call for location and directions to the next meeting.

Jane Vaughan, Coordinator (912-3220).

## Southside Scissor Wizards

Southside Scissor wizards are having fun at our monthly 1st Tues, 10am-12pm meetings at B Sew Inn on I 240 and Penn. September meeting we made the microwave bowls, like we learned at the chapter sewing retreat. Many of the members had not attended the retreat, so was a chance for them to make it. Jane did a good job of teaching the project. Oct. 7th meeting will be instructions and hands on of making an applique turkey towel. Could also be used on a table cloth or apron. Nov. 4th we will be painting paint brush Santa ornaments. Dec. we will have our Christmas Dinner. Please come join this fun group of sewing sisters.

Contact Pat Fritze skippat@cox.net or 366-8296 Or Jane Brown rbrown27@cox.net 470-3855

### Classified Ad:

Tin Lizzie longarm quilting machine in table  
(sit down) extras \$2300 call Jane 405 340-0276

my address is 100 Darwin Road ,  
Edmond,OK 73034.

If you need anything else please call.

OKC Chapter Name Tags are  
available for \$5.00.

If you would like one

Contact Pat Fritze at  
[skippat@cox.net](mailto:skippat@cox.net)

Home: 405-364-1707

Cell: 405-613-3396

## Membership Renewal Notice

If you received your renewal notice in the mail and have not yet sent it in, please don't forget to do so right away or renew on-line so that you will not miss out on any membership benefits!!

Did you know you can renew your membership on line? To do so go to the [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org) click on "Membership" at the top left, scroll down to "Renew Member." Under "Choose a Chapter" enter "Oklahoma City"; Enter your Member ID# and click "Renew". You can pay with a credit card.



### DID YOU KNOW??????????????

If you access Amazon.com from the national asg.org website that a portion of anything you purchase on Amazon goes back to ASG? It's not back to the local chapters, but back to the National organization. Many sites are offering this service. This was mentioned at the national meeting and I thought it was worth mentioned to you. On the right hand side of the home page, you will see the link to Amazon.

## Active Links

If you are getting this newsletter in the mail, you are missing a very valuable part of the newsletter. The links are clickable if you get it through email or read it online. No typing in the URL, just click it and it will open the page for you. Doesn't get much easier than that! It also works for email addresses. If you want to email someone who has an email in the newsletter, just click on it. Your email will open a new email already addressed for you. No typing in the address and getting it wrong! Life is good! Also, if you are receiving the emailed version as well as the mailed version, let us know if we can take your name off the mailing list.

If you know a friend who has a sewing interest, encourage them to join us. We have business size cards with our meeting location and time to share. It makes it easy to give out the information. Check with Jane Brown or pick some up at the next meeting when you sign in.

## Membership Information

Currently, we have 95 members in our chapter. That number changes as memberships are renewed on an annual basis throughout the calendar year. We love visitors to check out our meetings, however, we must limit the number of times a visitor can attend before they join. The first meeting is free to attend, but after the 2nd, we ask that you join our chapter. Dues are \$50.00 for the first year, and \$45 for renewals. Your dues can be quickly recouped if you take advantage of all the savings and discounts posted on the national ASG website, as well as the % off many retailers.

## Membership Benefits

- Local Neighborhood Groups provide opportunities for sharing ideas and "hands-on" sewing experiences.
- Current information on sewing related events and sewing classes offered by local retailers.
- Chapter events presenting local and national speakers, fashion shows and workshops.
- Annual National Convention featuring workshops and seminars taught by nationally recognized professionals, special events and administrative meetings.
- Local Publication, The Sewing Notion , bi-monthly. National Publication, Notions, quarterly.
- Discounts from local, independent retailers and national fabric store chains.
- Renewed enthusiasm for creative sewing.
- New product information from the sewing industry.

## Top 10 Reasons to Join

1. You love to sew and love to share your love of sewing.
2. You want to improve your sewing skills like others do their golf score.
3. You want to develop sewing friends; friends who speak your language -- know what a "stash" or a "wadder" is.
4. You need someone you can trust to take your measurements and not tell.
5. You want companions for road trips who experience the same "joy in the journey" of stopping at as many fabric stores as humanly possible in a given day.
6. You have uses for the money you will save utilizing ASG member discounts.
7. You could benefit from an appreciative audience for your sewing successes and helpful suggestions for your challenges ("How to save that disaster").
8. You want to attend a national conference where you can learn from the top national sewing instructors and eat lunch next to your favorite (sewing) TV personalities, give direct input to sewing industry representatives, shop an exhibit hall full of sewing products and experience unique tours with fellow sewing enthusiasts.
9. You believe that sewing is an art form as well as a valuable life skill.

And most important, 10. You make a difference!



## ASG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New ASG Member.....\$50

☐ New ASG Junior Member .....\$25

Chapter (city/state) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ASG Member at Large .....\$50

☐ Renewal Member .....\$45  
(if received before membership expiration date)

☐ Late Renewal .....\$50  
(if received after membership expiration date)

☐ Junior Renewal .....\$25

### Junior Member Information:

Birthdate (MM) \_\_\_\_\_ (DD) \_\_\_\_\_ (YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/year in school \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment:

☐ Check payable to "American Sewing Guild"

☐ MasterCard | Visa | AmEx | Discover (circle one)

Account#: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Return to:

American Sewing Guild

9660 Hillcroft, Suite 510, Houston, TX 77096

Phone: (713) 729-3000

Email: [info@asg.org](mailto:info@asg.org)

Fax: (713) 721-9230

Website: [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)

(Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing)



## Workshops and Speaker Around the City

Various retailers have many exciting instructors scheduled for the upcoming months. Please help support the retailers in the area by attending one of the exciting events. Check out what's going on at their website or local stores for more information



The Stitching Post Inc.  
5928 NW 16th OKC  
316 N Broadway Moore  
2630 W Britton Rd, OKC

Hancock Fabrics  
all locations  
(Non-sale merchandise  
only)

Sew N Sews  
Stillwater Store:  
217 S Perkins  
405-707-0700  
Monday – Saturday  
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Oklahoma City Store:  
5127 N Portland  
405-942-2700  
Monday – Saturday

Bernina of OKC  
6817 N May Ave  
<http://www.berninaokc.com/>

Fun to Sew  
2300 N. Broadway  
Moore  
<http://www.funtosewok.com/>

Jo-Ann's  
all locations  
(requires card from Jo-Anns)

Nancy's Notions  
[www.nancysnotions.com](http://www.nancysnotions.com)

B-Sew Inn  
Southern Hills Shopping  
Center  
I-240 and Penn  
1624 Southwest 74th  
<http://www.bsewinn.com/>

Denton Sewing Center  
[www.dentonsewingcenter.com](http://www.dentonsewingcenter.com)  
Denton, TX

Sew Much More  
410 Chickasha Ave  
Chickasha, OK

Helen Enox  
1332 SW 59th St.  
Oklahoma City, OK

Be sure and support all our retailers! They all need our support to stay in business and offer the things we need to stock our sewing rooms. Be sure and thank them for supporting ASG when you are in their stores. Mention you're a member and show your membership card to receive your discount. Additionally, did you know that there are over 100 retailers that advertise in the 'Notions' publication?? Your ASG membership can really be a savings tool when shopping.

Check out the current member benefits at: <http://www.asg.org>

## Advertising Rates & Deadlines

Our rates and ad sizes are as follows:

Business Card (3 1/2" x 2")	\$15.00
Quarter Page (3 1/2" x 5")	\$25.00
Half Page (3 1/2" x 10")	\$35.00
Half Page (7 1/2" x 5")	\$35.00
Full Page (7 1/2" x 10")	\$50.00

Classified Ads:

Members	\$2.00 + .10/word
Non-Members	\$5.00 + .10/word

Prices are costs per issue. A camera-ready ad is preferred. The Sewing Notion welcomes all ads but reserves the right to refuse any ad for any reason. For current deadline, please email Newsletter Editor at [martha@madcowcreationz.com](mailto:martha@madcowcreationz.com).



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Try our classified ads. They are a real bargain! See the rates listed above. Just compose your ad and get it to the Newsletter Editor by the deadline.

"Like" us on Facebook to keep up with the latest news and see what's going on at the meetings if you can't attend.

### NOTICE

This newsletter will always appear on our website for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Visit the site on a regular basis as the content changes often. Bookmark this web address in your Favorite Places to visit.

[www.okcasg.com](http://www.okcasg.com)

Have you visited the ASG website? At the bottom of the page is a "members only" listing. You will find a wealth of good information on this website.

[www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)



Every effort has been made for accuracy in this newsletter, however, mistakes can be made. If any errors or omissions have occurred, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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